



COMPOSITE PANEL ASSOCIATIONSM

North American manufacturers of particleboard, medium density fiberboard, hardboard, and other compatible products.

MEMORANDUM (via email – 1 page)

TO: California Energy Commission

Re: Docket 01-GGE-1

FROM: John Bradfield, Director of Environmental Affairs

DATE: May 24, 2004

SUBJECT: Comments on Carbon Sequestration.

Thank you for giving the Composite Panel Association (CPA) an opportunity to comment on the Carbon Sequestration issues being considered by the Commission at your workshop on May 27th, 2004. The CPA represents 92% of the North American manufacturers of particleboard, hardboard and medium density fiberboard (MDF) manufacturing capacity in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The composite panel industry operates 108 facilities in 42 states and provinces. Our members are actively engaged in carbon sequestration through both their forestry and forest products manufacturing activities.

We appreciate the efforts of the registry staff in trying to reflect in the registry's procedures the important role of carbon sequestration in the climate change equation, specifically the role of the carbon stored in wood products. However, it is important that this initial effort to account for the sequestration of carbon from wood products be given a fully satisfactory level of discussion. It has come to our attention that proposals have been issued in a hasty fashion without adequate time for due consideration by the process stakeholders. We encourage the Commission to listen to the stakeholders who are requesting additional time so that a more robust discussion on this important topic can occur.

Again, CPA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.